

1. Key statistics 2013-2018

Appendix notes

1. Figures for grants and refusals of applications do not necessarily equal numbers of applications, since decisions on applications received towards the end of one year may not be reached until the following year.
2. Unless otherwise stated, figures for accounts paid include VAT and are prepared on a cash basis.
3. In tables showing accounts paid, unless otherwise stated, outlays include all payments other than fees paid to solicitors and advocates - for example, expert witnesses.
4. A zero 0 indicates that no values were recorded. A dash "-" indicates that no value is applicable.
5. Children's ABWOR 2013-14 figures are part-year from 24 June 2013.
6. Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2017-18 figures are part-year from 25 January 2018.
7. Figures for Contempt of court are no longer shown separately, but included in advice and assistance and ABWOR and court granted legal aid.

1.1 Initial applications for legal assistance

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Percent change on	
						2016-2017	2013-2014
Civil							
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	77,524	69,340	68,210	68,079	63,647	-7%	-18%
Civil legal aid	20,170	18,853	18,827	18,877	17,549	-7%	-13%
Total civil legal assistance	97,694	88,193	87,037	86,956	81,196	-7%	-17%
Criminal							
Criminal advice and assistance	29,121	26,796	24,511	22,590	18,682	-17%	-36%
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act - Advice and assistance and ABWOR	-	-	-	-	2,315	-	-
Criminal ABWOR	33,787	30,439	28,266	28,713	26,660	-7%	-21%
Summary criminal legal aid (SLAB granted)	58,685	57,797	57,339	52,706	49,194	-7%	-16%
Summary and ABWOR	92,472	88,236	85,605	81,419	75,854	-7%	-18%
Solemn	12,853	13,333	12,412	11,133	10,616	-5%	-17%
Appeals	1,476	1,365	638	532	501	-6%	-66%
Total criminal legal assistance	135,922	129,730	123,166	115,674	107,968	-7%	-21%
Children's							
Children's advice and assistance	4,914	5,216	4,951	4,725	4,279	-9%	-13%
Children's ABWOR	1,662	3,546	4,127	4,371	4,383	0%	164%
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	6,576	8,762	9,078	9,096	8,662	-5%	32%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	3,854	3,329	3,295	3,055	2,806	-8%	-27%
Total children's legal assistance	10,430	12,091	12,373	12,151	11,468	-6%	10%
Total initial applications for legal assistance	244,046	230,014	222,576	214,781	200,632	-7%	-18%

1.2 Grants of legal assistance	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Percent change on	
						2016-2017	2013-2014
Civil							
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	77,524	69,340	68,210	68,079	63,647	-7%	-18%
Civil legal aid	13,409	12,977	12,817	13,425	13,093	-2%	-2%
Total civil legal assistance	90,933	82,317	81,027	81,504	76,740	-6%	-16%
Criminal							
Criminal advice and assistance	29,121	26,796	24,511	22,590	18,682	-17%	-36%
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act - Advice and assistance and ABWOR	-	-	-	-	2,315	-	-
Criminal ABWOR	33,787	30,439	28,266	28,713	26,660	-7%	-21%
Summary criminal legal aid (SLAB granted)	52,389	49,092	47,908	47,761	43,819	-8%	-16%
Summary criminal legal aid (court granted)	15	9	16	18	9	-50%	-40%
Total summary criminal and ABWOR	86,191	79,540	76,190	76,492	70,488	-8%	-18%
Solemn criminal legal aid	12,013	12,159	11,116	10,059	9,772	-3%	-19%
Court granted legal aid	2,720	2,890	3,088	2,796	2,611	-7%	-4%
Appeals	1,365	1,275	402	489	480	-2%	-65%
Duty solicitor appearances (including PDSO)	13,784	13,664	13,423	12,388	10,845	-12%	-21%
Total criminal legal assistance	145,194	136,324	128,730	124,814	115,193	-8%	-21%
Children's							
Children's advice and assistance	4,914	5,216	4,951	4,725	4,279	-9%	-13%
Children's ABWOR	1,662	3,546	4,127	4,371	4,383	0%	164%
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	6,576	8,762	9,078	9,096	8,662	-5%	32%
Children's legal aid (including appeals)	3,420	2,721	2,679	2,601	2,379	-9%	-30%
Children's automatic legal aid	161	235	231	216	229	6%	42%
Total children's legal assistance	10,157	11,718	11,988	11,913	11,270	-5%	11%
Total grants of legal assistance	246,284	230,359	221,745	218,231	203,203	-7%	-17%

Note

1. Figures for summary criminal (SLAB granted) have been restated for 2016-17.

1.3 Total payments for administration (£000)

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Percent change on	
						2016-2017	2013-2014
Administration spend							
Staff costs	9,712	9,202	9,777	9,685	9,715	0%	0%
Running costs	2,458	2,630	1,928	1,932	2,236	16%	-9%
Capital	143	593	513	130	74	-43%	-48%
Total administration spend	12,313	12,425	12,218	11,747	12,025	2%	-2%

1.4 Number of cases paid to solicitors

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Percent change on	
						2016-2017	2013-2014
Civil legal assistance							
Civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	69,846	59,917	56,967	53,577	54,628	2%	-22%
Civil legal aid	14,174	13,981	13,695	13,048	13,578	4%	-4%
Total civil legal assistance	84,020	73,898	70,662	66,625	68,206	2%	-19%
Criminal legal assistance							
Criminal advice and assistance	16,378	13,698	11,810	11,686	10,065	-14%	-39%
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act - Advice and assistance and ABWOR	-	-	-	-	1,299	-	-
Criminal ABWOR	33,037	28,900	26,949	27,284	24,077	-12%	-27%
Summary criminal legal aid	47,850	48,903	51,072	49,807	45,307	-9%	-5%
Solemn criminal legal aid	11,210	10,607	11,572	11,559	9,787	-15%	-13%
Court grants	2,209	2,177	2,440	2,278	2,009	-12%	-9%
Appeals	1,648	1,401	1,088	1,176	1,089	-7%	-34%
Duty (non-PDSO appearances)	11,251	11,061	10,876	10,311	8,919	-14%	-21%
Viper Parades (ID attendances)	-	-	-	434	1,032	138%	-
Total criminal legal assistance	123,583	116,747	115,807	114,535	103,584	-10%	-16%
Children's legal assistance							
Children's advice and assistance	4,129	4,288	3,571	2,933	2,353	-20%	-43%
Children's ABWOR	398	2,381	3,754	4,465	5,172	16%	1199%
Children's legal aid	4,058	3,003	2,810	2,698	2,452	-9%	-40%
Total children's legal assistance	8,585	9,672	10,135	10,096	9,977	-1%	16%
Total legal assistance	216,188	200,317	196,604	191,256	181,767	-5%	-16%

Notes

1. Duty solicitors' number of appearances on behalf of accused persons.
2. The ability to report Viper attendances was introduced during 2016-2017. Figures are part-year from 21 October 2016.
3. Duty appearances and Viper parade attendances have been restated for 2016-2017.

1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance (£000)	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Percent change on	
						2016-2017	2013-2014
Civil legal assistance							
Total civil advice and assistance and ABWOR	21,018	18,395	18,590	18,443	19,606	6%	-7%
Civil legal aid gross expenditure	37,514	34,156	34,142	30,719	30,406	-1%	-19%
Civil legal aid income received	(11,941)	(10,020)	(11,740)	(9,727)	(9,160)	-6%	-23%
Civil legal aid (net cost)	25,573	24,136	22,402	20,992	21,246	1%	-17%
CLAO gross expenditure	1,193	1,348	1,400	1,442	1,478	2%	24%
CLAO income received	(1)	(11)	(13)	(13)	(19)	51%	2214%
CLAO (net cost)	1,192	1,337	1,387	1,429	1,459	2%	22%
Total civil assistance gross expenditure	59,725	53,899	54,132	50,604	51,491	2%	-14%
Civil audit restitution	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	-	-
Total net civil legal assistance	47,783	43,869	42,379	40,864	42,311	4%	-11%
Grant funding							
Grant funded expenditure	5,494	6,329	7,780	6,255	4,886	-22%	-11%
Money Advice Service funding received	(2,350)	(2,350)	(2,350)	(2,350)	(2,595)	10%	10%
Total net grant funded	3,144	3,979	5,430	3,905	2,291	-41%	-27%
Criminal legal assistance							
Criminal advice and assistance	1,258	1,039	891	1,003	929	-7%	-26%
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act - Advice and Assistance and ABWOR	-	-	-	-	172	-	-
Criminal ABWOR	15,721	13,542	12,271	12,128	11,024	-9%	-30%
Total criminal advice and assistance and ABWOR	16,979	14,581	13,163	13,131	12,125	-8%	-29%
Summary criminal legal aid	29,001	29,156	29,735	29,272	26,947	-8%	-7%
Solemn criminal legal aid	41,686	35,423	36,337	37,473	29,818	-20%	-28%
Court granted legal aid	527	455	517	544	524	-4%	-1%
Total appeals	2,700	2,235	1,348	1,290	1,217	-6%	-55%
Criminal legal assistance income received	(13)	(6)	(9)	(10)	(21)	108%	56%
Criminal legal aid (net cost)	73,901	67,262	67,929	68,568	58,485	-15%	-21%
Duty	987	970	938	941	644	-32%	-35%
Public Defence Solicitors' Office (PDSO)	1,985	2,025	2,126	2,254	2,254	0%	14%
Police Station Duty Scheme Contact Line	683	578	640	650	658	1%	-4%
Glasgow Court Advisers	-	53	46	50	56	12%	-
Criminal audit restitution	(211)	(208)	(213)	(224)	(125)	-44%	-41%
Total net criminal legal assistance	94,323	85,261	84,628	85,371	74,097	-13%	-21%

Table 1.5 continued overleaf

1.5 Total cost to the taxpayer of legal assistance (£000) (continued)

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Percent change on	
						2016-2017	2013-2014
Children's legal assistance							
Children's advice and assistance	606	604	457	324	222	-31%	-63%
Children's ABWOR	114	947	1,526	2,006	2,341	17%	1958%
Children's advice and assistance and ABWOR	719	1,550	1,984	2,330	2,564	10%	256%
Children's legal aid	4,168	3,684	3,123	3,042	2,817	-7%	-32%
Children's legal aid income received	(2)	(10)	(13)	(16)	(22)	37%	1309%
Children's legal aid (net cost)	4,166	3,674	3,109	3,026	2,794	-8%	-33%
Total net children's legal assistance	4,886	5,224	5,093	5,356	5,358	0%	10%
Extraordinary interest payment to Advocates	104	(48)	0	0	0	-	-100%
Miscellaneous payments	248	316	282	234	301	29%	21%
Legal Aid Fund (gross expenditure)	165,006	151,206	152,150	148,070	136,301	-8%	-17%
Total cost of legal assistance to the taxpayer	150,488	138,601	137,812	135,730	124,359	-8%	-17%

Notes

1. The recovery of incorrectly claimed monies is included within the audit restitution lines.
2. Income received from the Money Advice Service is their contribution to the Making Advice Work programme.
3. Income from criminal legal assistance relates to advice and assistance contributions and money repaid by solicitors and assisted persons.
4. Prior to 2014-15 Glasgow Court Advisers were funded by Grant-in-Aid.

1.6 Average case cost (£)	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Percent change on	
						2016-2017	2013-2014
Civil legal assistance							
Advice and assistance and ABWOR	301	307	326	344	359	4%	19%
Civil legal aid	2,647	2,443	2,493	2,354	2,239	-5%	-15%
Criminal legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	77	76	75	86	92	8%	20%
Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act - Advice and Assistance and ABWOR	-	-	-	-	132	-	-
ABWOR	476	469	455	445	458	3%	-4%
Summary criminal legal aid	606	596	582	588	595	1%	-2%
Solemn criminal legal aid (excluding appeals)	3,719	3,340	3,140	3,242	3,047	-6%	-18%
Court grants	238	209	212	239	261	9%	9%
Appeals	1,638	1,596	1,239	1,097	1,117	2%	-32%
Children's legal assistance							
Advice and assistance	147	141	128	110	95	-14%	-36%
ABWOR	286	398	407	449	453	1%	58%
Children's legal aid	1,027	1,227	1,111	1,128	1,149	2%	12%

1.7 Payments made (£000)

	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	Percent change on	
						2016-2017	2013-2014
Civil legal assistance							
Advocates	5,099	3,928	5,101	4,277	3,390	-21%	-34%
Solicitor advocates	1	24	1	1	4	242%	432%
Solicitors	40,029	36,348	34,778	33,169	33,607	1%	-16%
Outlays	13,403	12,252	12,852	11,715	13,011	11%	-3%
Total	58,532	52,551	52,732	49,162	50,013	2%	-15%
Criminal legal assistance							
Advocates	9,034	7,695	9,071	10,461	8,025	-23%	-11%
Solicitor advocates	4,304	3,019	2,753	2,981	1,973	-34%	-54%
Solicitors	72,884	66,856	65,640	64,627	57,008	-12%	-22%
Outlays	5,658	5,250	4,574	4,582	4,451	-3%	-21%
Total	91,880	82,820	82,038	82,651	71,457	-14%	-22%
Children's legal assistance							
Advocates	324	277	297	287	456	59%	41%
Solicitor advocates	0	0	0	0	0	-	-
Solicitors	4,149	4,527	4,403	4,614	4,543	-2%	10%
Outlays	414	430	406	472	381	-19%	-8%
Total	4,887	5,234	5,106	5,372	5,381	0%	10%
Total legal assistance							
Advocates	14,458	11,900	14,469	15,025	11,871	-21%	-18%
Solicitor advocates	4,305	3,043	2,754	2,983	1,977	-34%	-54%
Solicitors	117,062	107,731	104,821	102,410	95,158	-7%	-19%
Outlays	19,475	17,931	17,832	16,768	17,844	6%	-8%
Total	155,299	140,605	139,876	137,185	126,850	-8%	-18%

Note

1. Fees paid to solicitors, advocates and solicitor advocates include VAT.